

abolish the double taxation on agricultural income or impose it on the other Municipalities also.

Mr. C. A. Kunjunni Raja.—This is double taxation on agricultural income.

President.—How is it done in British India? I have particularly noted this question. I asked Mr. Eachara Menon, who was for some time the Chairman of the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality what their practice was. He said that was their practice was the same as in Palghat. We are only following the Palghat practice. No doubt, the other Municipalities of our State do not tax paddy lands. So, in order to remove the heart-burning in the Chittur-Tattamangalam Municipality, the other Municipalities may also be taxed.

Dr. A. G. Menon.—No heart-burning on that account; you need not impose the tax on the other Municipalities.

President.—But they may ask why they alone are taxed; while, the other Municipalities are let free. It is really a matter for grievance.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—There was some suggestion of levying the tax in the Trichur Municipality also. We considered the whole question, and at last dropped the idea.

President.—We must be just and impartial. Why should we allow the tax to go on in one Municipality, and not enforce the tax on the other Municipalities? There is the charge of undue preference, and this has to be avoided.

Dr. A. R. Menon.—For the sake of getting uniformity we do not request you to impose additional taxation on the other Municipalities.

The total revenue from the Mattancheri and Rameswaram Villages.

159. Mr. A. B. Salem.—(1) Will the Government be pleased to state the total amount of revenue collected from the town and villages of Mattancheri and Rameswaram for the year 1101 under:—

- (a) Land Revenue,
- (b) Toddy and liquor licenses,
- (c) Foreign liquor licenses,
- (d) Opium and ganja licenses,
- (e) Salt,
- (f) Ferry,
- (g) Canal Regulation,
- (h) Customs,
- (i) Under the Cochin Municipal Regulation by the Municipality,

- (j) Law and Justice,
 (k) Registration,
 (l) Stamps.
 (2) The total amount spent by the Government on the town and villages of Mattancheri and Rameswaram in the year 1101?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—

(1) (a) Mattancheri Rs. 9,693 14 3
 Rameswaram Rs. 12,352 7 10
Toddy. Liquor.

(b) Mattancheri Rs. 17,496 29,793
 Rameswaram Rs. 14,570 7,988

(c) Mattancheri Rs. 1,210
 Rameswaram Nil

Ganja.

(d) Mattancheri Rs. 2,744 0 0
 Rameswaram Rs. 80 0 0

No separate figures for opium for the two places are available.

(e) No separate figures are available.

(f) Mattancheri Rs. 12,501
 Rameswaram Rs. 246

(g) Mattancheri Rs. 4,002 12 0
 Rameswaram Rs. 119 12 0

(h) No separate figures are available.

(i) Rs. 74,006 7 0

(j) No separate figures are available.

(k) Rs. 3,910 10 0

(l) No separate figures are available.

(2) By Registration Department Rs. 3,190 0 0
 By the P. W. D. Rs. 9,110 15 4

Information regarding the expenditure incurred by other departments is not at present available.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—(d) No separate figures for opium for the two places are available! May I know the quantity of opium sold there?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It cannot be easily ascertained.

President.—Hereafter we may ascertain, for we are having independent shops. They will have separate registers, and these registers will show what quantity was sold.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—Don't you know what quantity of salt was sold there?

President.—Merchants from all places go to the Malippuram depot, and take salt from there, so that it is not possible to

know what quantity is consumed by Mattancheri and Rameswaram.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—(1) Are there no stamp vendors who conduct stamp sales in courts and other places attached to Mattancheri? How many vendors are there, and what is the amount realised?

President.—Supposing you take into account all the vendors—there are a certain number of vendors in Mattancheri, and supposing you examine their accounts, you can ascertain from them how many stamps and stamp papers are sold, can you not find the amount?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—It can be ascertained, but separate figures are not available.

Mr. A. B. Salem.—I want to know the total amount of revenue thus derived from Mattancheri. If the figures are not available I shall renew the question.

A Rice Mill at Trichur.

160. Mr. T. A. Ramachandra Ayyar.—Will the Government be pleased to inquire and state:—

- a. whether one Mr. Sankaranarayana Ayyar has applied for sanction to the Trichur Municipality for sanction to construct a rice mill at Kokkalai near the Railway Station;
- b. whether the Chairman, on the report of the Sanitary Inspector and the neighbours of the proposed site of the mill, had granted sanction for the same;
- c. how long did the work continue, and what was the approximate amount spent by the mill-owner;
- d. whether any objection petition was put in to the Municipality; if so, by whom and on what date;
- e. what was the report of the ward Councillor on the same;
- f. what action was taken by the Chairman on this petition;
- g. whether there was any appeal to the Government in this matter by the objector;
- h. whether the Government received any objection petition, and what action was taken by the Government in the matter;
- i. has the Municipal Council passed any resolution about the matter; if so, what is it;
- j. has any member submitted any dissenting minute to the resolution; if so, what is it;
- k. has the Government taken any action in the matter; if so, what is it?

Mr. A. K. Vengu Ayyar.—a. Yes.

b. Permission was given, but not on the report of the Sanitary Inspector or the neighbours.